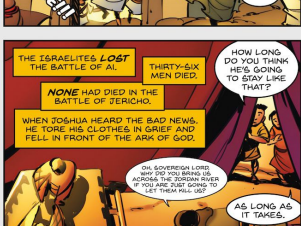
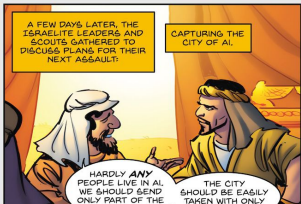
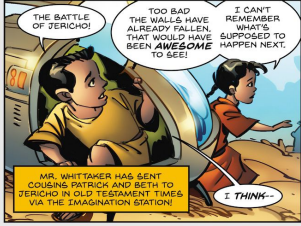


ACHAN, PART 1

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TO BE CONTINUED!

THE NEXT MORNING, JOSHUA GATHERED THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL AND FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTIONS GOD HAD GIVEN HIM THE NIGHT BEFORE.

TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, THE TRAITOR IS NOT AMONG YOU, YOU MAY PASS.

THE NEXT TRIBE WILL NOW STEP FORWARD!

ELEVEN MORE TRIBES TO GO...

THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG DAY.

LATER.

WAIT-- THIS IS THE TRIBE!

GOD HAS REVEALED IT IS YOU, TRIBE OF JUDAH, WHO HARBOR THE GUILTY PARTY.

W-WHAT!?

FROM JUDAH, THE CLAN OF ZERAH, THE FAMILY OF ZIMRI, ONE OF YOU IS...

YOU.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

A-ACHAN, SIR.

ACHAN, GIVE GLORY TO GOD BY TELLING THE TRUTH. WHAT DID YOU TAKE?

I-IT IS TRUE! I HAVE SINNED! AMONG THE SPOILS, THERE WAS A ROBE FROM BABYLON, SILVER COINS, AND A BAR OF GOLD--

I--I YEARNED FOR THEM-- SO I TOOK THEM.

THEY ARE HIDDEN IN THE GROUND BENEATH MY TENT, WITH THE SILVER BURIED DEEPER THAN THE REST.

SOMEONE, GO AND CONFIRM HIS WORDS.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING WE CAN DO.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT SHOVEL?

WHAT CAN I SAY? ALWAYS BE PREPARED.

THIS IS IT, JUST LIKE HE SAID! THE SILVER WAS BURIED DEEPEST!

GOD LED JOSHUA RIGHT TO THE CULPRIT!

LET'S GET THIS STUFF BACK TO HIM.

THE STOLEN TREASURES WERE LAID ON THE GROUND IN FRONT OF JOSHUA AND ALL OF ISRAEL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO SEE THIS NEXT PART...

I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT TROUBLE ON US, ACHAN?

THE LORD WILL NOW BRING TROUBLE ON YOU.

ISRAEL MUST BE PURIFIED OF THIS SIN!

ACHAN, HIS FAMILY, HIS HERDS, THE TREASURE, AND EVERYTHING HE HAD, WERE GATHERED TOGETHER FOR PUNISHMENT.

BACK AT WHIT'S END...

SO I'M GUESSING THE KIND OF "TROUBLE" ACHAN'S FAMILY GOT INTO WAS...

THE FATAL KIND, I'M AFRAID.

MR. WHITTAKER, DID THEY... HAVE TO DIE?

ISRAEL WAS GETTING A NEW START. GOD WANTED HIS PEOPLE OBEDIENT AND PURE.

HE WAS SETTING A PRECEDENT.

BECAUSE GOD TAKES WRONGDOING SERIOUSLY, RIGHT?

VERY.

I GUESS THAT'S THE LESSON.

ONE OF THEM.

WHAT ABOUT GOD'S LOVE?

HERE'S HOW I THINK OF IT. GOD IS JUST. AND GOD IS LOVING.

BUT HE'S NOT JUST LOVING.

END.